

GENEALOGY

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SPARROW FAMILY

1623-1871

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The following record of the descendants of Richard Sparrow was the result of the endeavors made by Miss Sarah Sparrow to collect such dates and material that would be of use and interest to any of the coming generations who cared to know their line of descent from their English ancestor, Richard Sparrow. Living the greater part of her life at the old homestead, in Orleans, she had ample opportunity and recourse to the deeds and papers of several generations, giving, no doubt, quite a reliable and invaluable aid in collecting material for the record, which occupied considerable of her time during the latter years of her life.

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## GENEALOGY.

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### RICHARD SPARROW.

RICHARD SPARROW, with Pandora his wife, came from England (supposed from county of Kent), in ship Ann, and landed at Plymouth, New England, from whence he went to Middleborough, where he resided until about 1650, when he came to Eastham, now Orleans, bringing with him his son Jonathan, an only child. In 1658 he was chosen to represent the town, as delegate to Plymouth, to consult about military affairs of the colony. He died at Eastham, Jan., 1660, and was buried, together with his wife and son Jonathan, in the oldest burying place, at what is now South Eastham, where is seen a stone bearing the name and age of his son. Beside the latter there are two graves, supposed to be those of the two wives of Capt. Jonathan. It is not known at what age Richard Sparrow died, as history does not tell.

His first residence was near the cemetery where he lies. In 1665, his widow sold the place to Rev. Thomas Crosby, and came to live with her son, at East Orleans (then Eastham). Richard Sparrow bequeathed at his death, all his lands and goods in Middleborough and Eastham, to his son Jonathan, and his eldest grandson, John. Thus proving he left no children in Middleborough; although the name is there, and seems to claim the same ancestry as the branch in Eastham. This is involved in some doubt, not yet clearly proved.

CAPT. JONATHAN SPARROW  
AND HIS CHILDREN.

CAPT. JONATHAN SPARROW, son of Richard Sparrow, was born in England, about 1631, died in Eastham, March 21, 1706. He was buried with his two wives, in the oldest burying place at South Eastham, where his stone is seen. He was married Oct. 20, 1654, to Rebeca, daughter of Capt. Edward Bangs. Their children were: Rebecca, born Oct. 30, 1655, who married Dea. Thomas Freeman, of Brewster; John, born Nov. 2, 1656, who married in 1683, Aphia Tracy; Priscilla, born Feb. 13, 1658; Mary, born March 5, 1659; Aphia, born in 1660, died young.

He married about 1662 for a second wife, Hannah, second daughter of Gov. Thomas Prince. Their children were two sons: Jonathan, born July 3, 1665; Richard, born March 17, 1669; it is supposed also a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Samuel Freeman, of Eastham, in 1689. From Richard, our branch of the family descended, the others from John and Jonathan, 2d.

In 1689, Capt. Jonathan Sparrow married for his third wife, Sarah Cobb, of Barnstable, who survived him. He seems to have been an active business man, and filled various offices in Church and State. He was a military captain in King Philip's War, and afterwards eighteen years Governor's Assistant, a reader in the Church many years, etc. He left at his death the homestead-farm to his youngest son, Richard, and, as is supposed, settled his son John at the southeast part of Porchet, near Sparrow's Flat, and his son Jonathan at South Orleans, where many of his descendants now live.

RICHARD SPARROW, 2D,  
AND HIS CHILDREN.

RICHARD SPARROW, 2d, born at Eastham, 1669, married Mercy Young (or Cobb), date unknown, died at Eastham, 1727, aged 58 years. He had one son, Richard, 3d, and seven daughters, who married as follows: Sarah, who married Edmund Free-

man, grandfather of the late Dea. Abner Freeman; Hannah, who married Josiah Cook, and removed to Chatham, Conn.; Elizabeth, who married Elisha Doane, and settled in Eastham (now Orleans); Mercy, who married Zebulon Young, of Eastham (now Orleans); Rebecca, who married Richard Mayo, of Eastham, descendant of Rev. John Mayo; Mary, who married Isaac Smith, and removed to Chatham, Conn.; Priscilla, who married Stephen Snow, grandfather of the late Dea. David Snow.

Many of the descendants of these daughters still reside in Orleans and Eastham, also in Connecticut, and several other states.

But little is known of the character or achievements of Richard Sparrow, 2d, who seems to have been of a feeble constitution. Tradition says that he was a root and herb doctor. He died at an earlier age than any of our male ancestors, and left the home-stead to his son, Richard, 3d. He paid legacies to his sisters, and went to Connecticut, to see those who lived there.

LIEUT. RICHARD SPARROW, 3D,  
AND HIS CHILDREN.

LIEUT. RICHARD SPARROW, 3d, born at Eastham, 1702, married in 1724 Hannah Shaw (supposed of Middleborough), and died at Eastham, 1774, aged 72 years. His wife died in 1780. They had but three children who reached manhood and womanhood. Isaac, the only son, born 1725, married Rebecca Knowles of Eastham, whose father, Joshua Knowles, occupied the place once owned and occupied by Gov. Prince and family; Rebecca, born Jan. 26, 1726, married Joshua Hopkins, who was the father of the late Capt. Curtis Hopkins; Hannah, born 1737, married Daniel Hamilton; her posterity removed to Western Massachusetts, where they now reside; one of them, Paul Hamilton, afterward visited Orleans, and was the first Methodist preacher heard there.

Very little is known of the life and character of Lieut. Richard Sparrow.

The Rev. Samuel Osborn was settled in 1718 in the South Parish of the town of Eastham, now Orleans, the town being divided into two parishes, instead of one, as before, and agreed to build two meeting-houses for the greater convenience of its inhabitants.

## ISAAC SPARROW,

### HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

ISAAC SPARROW, born at Eastham, 1725, died in Orleans, June 11, 1808. He married Rebecca Knowles, Jan., 1747, who died Nov. 5, 1809, aged 84 years. Their children were:

Richard, Isaac, and Josiah, of sons; Sarah, Mercy, Rebecca, Hannah, and Elizabeth, of daughters.

RICHARD was born Dec. 5, 1747, and died in 1811, aged 64 years. His children were: Mary, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Tabitha, Isaac, Richard, Joshua K., Jesse, Thomas, and Jonathan.

SARAH was born Nov. 19, 1749, married Heman Linnell, and died in 1800, aged 51 years. Her children were: Sally, Heman, Joshua, James, and Isaac.

ISAAC, JR., was born June 7, 1752, married Anna Ayre, was lost at sea in 1775, aged 23 years, leaving one daughter, Anna, who died at Baltimore.

*Orleans born, buried  
Aug. 28, 1794.*

MERCY, born April 25, 1754, married Uriah Mayo, and died in 1799. Her children were: Samuel<sup>1779</sup>, Uriah, Thomas, Sarah<sup>1796</sup>, Eunice<sup>1785</sup>, Polly<sup>1785</sup>, and Cynthia<sup>1786</sup>, and Nancy<sup>1788</sup>.

REBECCA, born Oct. 9, 1756, married Thomas Arey, died Feb. 5, 1847, aged 91 years. Her children were: Thomas, Joseph, Hannah, Phebe, Rebecca, Sukey, and Mercy.

JOSIAH, born Feb. 10, 1759, married Mercy Smith, of Chatham, and died July 18, 1849, aged 90 years, 5 months. His children were: Josiah, Samuel, Harvey, James L., Lydia, Mercy, Zerviah, Sarah, and Hannah Shaw.

HANNAH, born Oct. 1, 1761, married Abiathar Knowles, re-

moved to the state of Maine, and died in Aug., 1828, aged 67 years. Her children were: Sally, Rebecca, Abiathar, James, and Barnaba.

ELIZABETH, born Aug. 12, 1764, married William Freeman of Brewster, and removed to Sandisfield, died 1844. Her children were: Desiah, Selina, Isaac S., William, James, and Solomon. All now dead.

Orleans separated from Eastham and incorporated by its present name March 3, 1797.

## JOSIAH SPARROW,

### HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

JOSIAH SPARROW married Mercy Smith, of Chatham, Jan. 11, 1782. Their children were: Lydia, Josiah, Jr., Mercy, Zeviah, Samuel, Harvey, Sarah, James L., and Hannah Shaw.

### LYDIA SPARROW.

LYDIA SPARROW, born Oct. 19, 1782, died July 26, 1872, married Daniel Cummings, of Philipston, Nov. 28, 1803; she had eleven children, nine of whom lived to adult age: Joseph, Samuel, Lucy, Josiah S., Benjamin, Daniel, Calvin, George W., and Lydia S.

JOSEPH married Clarissa Paine, of Eastham, for his first wife. Hannah Knowles, of Eastham, for his second, and Mrs. Dorcas Crosby, of Orleans, for his third. He has three children, two by his second wife, and one by the third.

SAMUEL was engaged to marry Julia Kendrick, of Orleans, but died at New Orleans, July 5, 1829, mate of ship "Stop," aged 22 years.

LUCY married Franklin Freeman, of Orleans, and had thirteen children. [Seven living, in 1880.]

JOSIAH S. married Rebecca M. Atwood, of Boston, and died at West Newton, June 29, 1864, aged 49 years. They had six children.

BENJAMIN died at Charleston, S. C., July 4, 1839, aged 22 years, 8 months. He was mate of ship \_\_\_\_\_.

DANIEL married Olive Lewis, for his first wife, Sarah Diaz, of Dennis, for his second. Has eight children. CALVIN married Mary F. Freeman, and removed to Kankakee, Ill., died at Orleans, Sept., 1872. Three sons survive him.

GEORGE W. married Susan Freeman, of Orleans, has four children. He married for his second wife, Delilah Mayo, of Orleans. Lydia S. married Lorenzo Richmond, of Shelburne, died Feb. 21, 1858, aged 29 years.

*JOSIAH SPARROW, Jr.*

JOSIAH SPARROW, Jr., born March 13, 1785, married Zerviah Higgins, of Orleans, and died at St. Bart's, Oct. 10, 1809, aged 24 years. Left one daughter, Maria, who married Joseph Hall, of Dennis, and had six children, three of whom survive.

*MERCY SPARROW.*

MERCY SPARROW, born May 28, 1788, died June 18, 1847, aged 60 years; married, first, Lot Higgins, of Orleans, and had one son, Lot Higgins, 2d, who married Seville Snow, and had five children, two of whom survive.

She married for her second husband, Freeman Hopkins, and had five sons: Freeman, Sullivan, Franklin, Sparrow, and Albert. FREEMAN died of Consumption July 21, 1840, aged 22 years, 4 months.

SULLIVAN married Sarah Snow, of Orleans, and died July 14, 1845, aged 25 years. He left one daughter.

FRANKLIN married Mary J. Taylor, of Orleans, and died Jan. 1, 1850, aged 27 years. He left one son.

SPAKKOW died of consumption Sept. 24, 1841, aged 18 years.

ALBERT married Eliza A. Snow, of Orleans, and has three children. [He has since died of consumption, as did his parents and all his brothers.]

*ZERVIAH SPARROW.*

ZERVIAH SPARROW, born March 15, 1790, Married Thomas Snow, of Orleans, 1807, and died May 29, 1860, aged 70 years. She had five children, three survived her.

CLEMENT married Adaline Freeman, and had nine children, six of whom are living.

THOMAS married Delilah Young. He was lost at sea, leaving one son.

MERCY S. married Oliver Arey, had two children, and died at Buenos Ayres, S. A., April 16, 1871, aged 60 years.

WILLIS married Rebecca Gould, of Orleans, and had eight children, six of whom survive. ZERVIAH T., another daughter, lived to be seven years old, and died Feb., 1825.

*SAMUEL SPARROW.*

SAMUEL SPARROW, born Nov. 8, 1792, married Hopey Paine, Jan. 30, 1817, and died March, 22, 1865, aged 72 years. He had ten children: nine reached maturity.

ISAAC P. married Lydia Hopkins for his first wife, and Jerusha Rogers for his second; he died April 2, 1858, aged 39 years. He left two children. (*Both died before their father*)

SAMUEL married Deborah S. Snow, and had six children: Samuel E., Edmund S., Herbert, Henry, Deborah S., and Eliza B.

REUBEN C. married Abbie Hopkins, of Orleans, and removed to Wellfleet, and died —. He left one daughter, Mary Otis.

ZOETH married Mary Shepherd, of Amherst, N. H., and removed to Wellfleet. He has two daughters: Mary H., and Martha.

HENRY N. married Freelove Sharp, of East Boston, where he resides. They have no children.

Josiah S. married Louisa Olmey, of Watertown, and removed to Wollaston. He has three children: Alice, Emma, and Josiah H. A.

EBENEZER died at sea in 1858, aged 22 years, and was buried at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, British Columbia.

CLARA P. married Nathaniel Ayres, of Boston, and removed to Provincetown. She has seven children.

HOPEY S. married Albert Freeman, of Orleans, and has two sons: Ebenezer, and Samuel A. [Died Sept., 1872, aged 32 yrs.]

*HARVEY SPARROW.*

HARVEY SPARROW, born Nov. 14, 1795, married Betsey Snow, of Orleans, Jan. 18, 1821. They had eight children: Patia S., born 1821, died in 1825, aged 4 years. An infant died in 1823.

BETSEY S. married Capt. David Snow, of Orleans, and died Sept. 2, 1870, aged 45 years. They had two sons: Herman Rossell, and David Austin.

PATIA S., 2d, married George H. Doane, of Orleans, June 9, 1850, and removed to Middleborough. They have three sons: George Emerson, Joshua Harvey, and Arthur Hedley.

MARIA married Nathaniel A. Snow, of Orleans, in 1849, and removed to Cambridgeport. They have one son: Nathaniel Osborn.

HARVEY OSBORN married Orianna Gross, of Provincetown, where they now reside. They have one son: Harvey Osborn, 2d.

BETHIA B. married Capt. Edmund Linnell, of Orleans, where they now reside. They have no children.

LYDIA J. P. married Josiah Gould, of Orleans, who was lost at sea, March, 1872. She now resides in Orleans. They have one son: Josiah Osborn.

#### SARAH SPARROW.

SARAH SPARROW was born March 21, 1798. She was engaged to marry Russell Linnell, of Orleans, who died at the West India Islands Aug. 31, 1818, aged 23 years. [She was a teacher in the public schools for thirty-seven years, and always and everywhere ready to help those who were in need; although she had no children of her own, yet many "rise up and call her blessed." She it was who gathered from limited sources the record of her ancestors, of which this is a copy. She died Sept. 23, 1886, aged 88 years, 6 months.]

#### JAMES L. SPARROW.

JAMES L. SPARROW, born June 2, 1801, married Susan Crosby, of Orleans, Dec. 16, 1824. They had seven children: JAMES HARVEY married Julia A. Bridges, of Newton, and resides in Cambridgeport. They have three children: James William, Mary Whitmore, and Julia Anna.

JULIA MARIA died Oct., 1829, aged 1 year, 6 months.

ANNA EDWARDS married Freeman H. Snow, of Orleans. They had two sons. [One has died, aged 10 years.] *Benjamin S. & Freeman*

SUSAN MARIA married Joseph K. Mayo, of Orleans, where she resides. They have no children.

WILLIAM FREEMAN married Julia Freeman, of Orleans, and removed to Cambridgeport. He was killed in the war of the Rebellion, Dec. 17, 1862, aged 28 years. *Daughter born Jan. 1878*

BENJAMIN CUMMINGS married Eunice Felton, of Shutesbury, Mass., and resides at the old homestead. They have children.

SARAH EMILY died Feb. 2, 1861, aged 18 years.

\* Emily died 1878 - Then left - Lydia May  
age 19 years. Born 1871. Born 1876 /

#### HANNAH SHAW SPARROW.

HANNAH SHAW SPARROW, born Jan. 1, 1805, married Capt. Russell Snow, of Orleans, Oct., 1827, died Dec. 15, 1850, aged 45 years. They had seven children:

JULIA K., born July 16, 1829, died Sept. 1, 1857, aged 28 years.

ELVIRA GLEASON married Dean Snow, of Orleans, Jan. 21, 1872, and resides in Orleans.

RUSSELL L. married Phebe Snow, of Orleans, and removed to Cambridgeport.

JOHN H. married Tempy J. Arey, Jan. 26, 1871, and removed to Cambridgeport.

HANNAH F. died Jan. 13, 1838, aged 2 years, 6 months.

HANNAH F., 2d, married Capt. Alfred Doane, June 15, 1860, and lives in Cambridgeport. They have three children: Alfred O., Julia S., and Francis H.

LUCY ANN, born May 25, 1847, fitted for school teaching, which is now her occupation.

MERCY SMITH,  
WIFE OF JOSIAH SPARROW.

MERCY SMITH, of Chatham, was the daughter of Mr. Samuel Smith and Zerviah Hamilton, who was the daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Hamilton, whose children were:

REBECCA, born 1720.

NATHANIEL, born 1722.

GRACE, born 1724.

LYDIA, born 1726.

JANE, born 1728.

ZERVIAH, born 1731.

DANIEL, born 1734.

HANNAH, born 1739.

Of Mr. Samuel Smith but little can be learned, as he removed from Chatham, with his unmarried family, to Granville (now Tolland), Mass., in company with a number of families from Chatham and Orleans, in 1783. He had one son, Enoch, and six daughters: Lydia, Zerviah, Mercy, Keziah, Tabitha, and Patia.

Lydia married Isaac King, and removed to Shelburne, Nova Scotia, and died there at an advanced age, leaving three sons and two daughters: Isaac, Richard, John, Hannah, and Lydia. Zerviah married Solomon Rogers, of Orleans, and removed to Tolland, from thence to New York state.

Mercy married Josiah Sparrow, of Orleans, Jan., 1782, died July, 1845.

Keziah married Joel Gleason, of Tolland, and died at Lenox, Ohio, leaving five sons and two daughters.

Tabitha married William Twining, of Tolland, formerly of Orleans, and died at Tolland, 1854, aged 89 years, leaving six sons and three daughters.

Patia married John Slaughter, and removed to New York state. She died there, leaving three sons and one daughter.

Enoch married Miss Peck, in Killingworth, Conn. He died there, leaving one son and four daughters: Samuel, Wealthy, Lydia, Betsey, and Mercy. Betsey married John Bradley, and Mercy married E. Grandal.

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